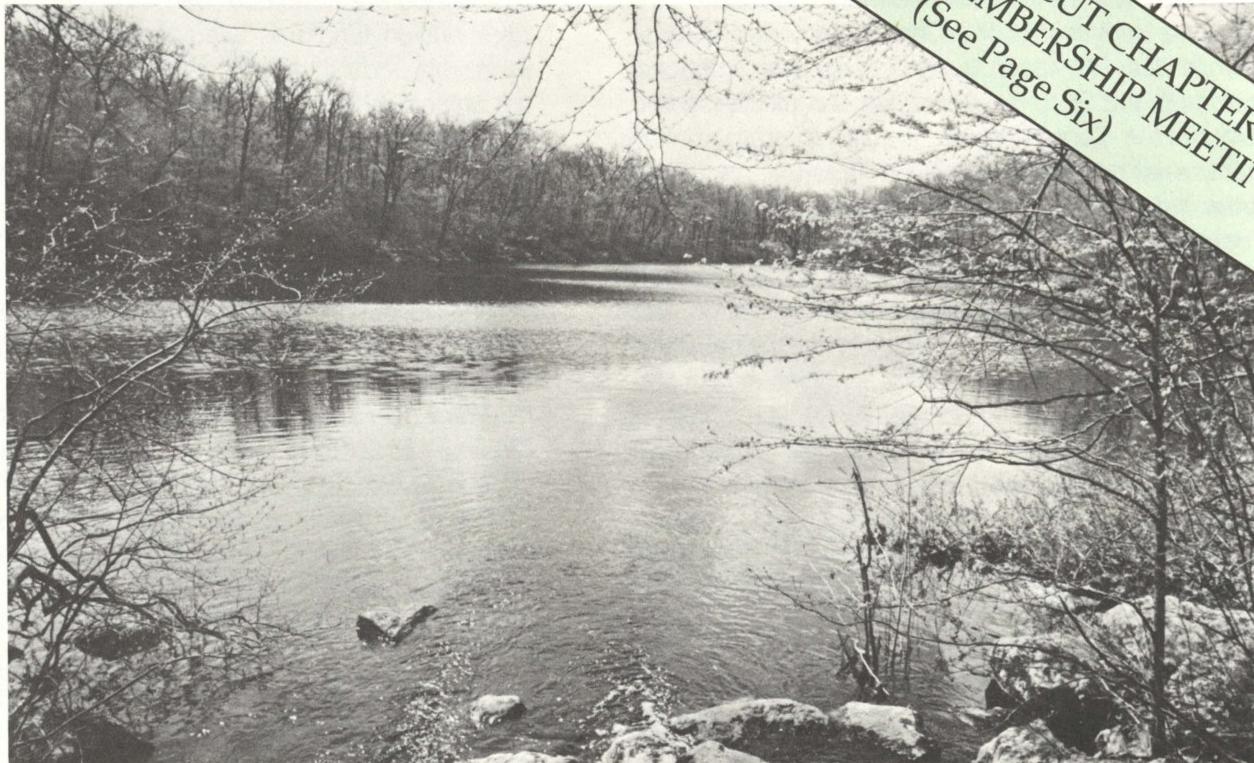


From the Land

The Nature Conservancy Connecticut Chapter



George Belleroose

Devil's Den Preserve (pictured above) and Weir-Leary-White Preserve will be the setting for this year's Connecticut Chapter Annual Meeting. Details on page six.

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Nationally In Connecticut

Total Projects	7,556	348
Total Acres Saved	3,385,142*	15,541
Acres Registered	—	3,865
Tracts Registered	2,453	98
Tradeland Tracts Received	405	27
Members	435,903	12,161
Corporate Associates	401	14

*Includes registered properties

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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Each of the three acquisitions filled a different need according to Les Corey, Executive Director of the Connecticut Chapter. "The preservation of Cedar Island and Devil's Ridge were priorities for the Conservancy and DEP as well, while Bear Hill was acquired based upon a specific request from the State. In each case, the efficiency and flexibility of the Conservancy's acquisition program was critical to saving these natural areas."

Cedar Island, Hamonasset Natural Area, Clinton Connecticut—In the closing days of 1986 the Connecticut Chapter took bold action to save Cedar Island, a coastal barrier beach, from development. Home for the Piping Plover and many other coastal birds, Cedar Island was a top preservation priority for The Nature Conservancy. At the request of DEP, the Connecticut Chapter negotiated with the owners, Williams Associates, and purchased the ten-lot subdivision under a bargain sale arrangement for \$800,000.

A dune and sandy beach community are the most prominent features on the barrier island. Cedar Island is adjacent to the Hamonasset Natural Area, a 400-acre expanse of salt marsh and sandy beach. Dozens of coastal bird species rely on this site as breeding grounds, feeding area, and as a migratory stopover. Dave Rosgen, formerly with the Connecticut Breeding Bird Atlas, describes it as "one of the top birding spots in the state."

Conservancy members from across Connecticut contributed over \$220,000 as our portion of the acquisition and holding costs for Cedar Island. Piping Plovers and other species of concern will be permanently protected here under the terms of the transfer to DEP. Permanent deed restrictions guarantee the preservation of the site as a natural area. Conservancy staff will assist DEP biologists with stewardship at Cedar Island.

Devil's Ridge, East Haddam—Devil's Ridge was saved by TNC literally two days before the bulldozers were scheduled to roll. This 44-acre scenic natural area contains a dense hemlock hardwood forest with steep rocky outcrops, wetlands, and a diverse assemblage of ferns and wildflowers. It is only a short distance from the Conservancy's Burnham Brook Preserve and is part of an overall preservation plan for this area.

Devil's Ridge will now become part of the Devil's Hop-yard State Park. The Conservancy deed transferring the property to the State contains specific restrictions that will guarantee the property will remain forever wild.

The East Haddam Land Trust under the leadership of its president, Steven Gephard, organized a local fund drive which contributed over \$9,200 towards Devil's Ridge. A total of \$80,000 in private funds was raised by EHLT and TNC to complete our share of the deal.

Bear Hill Wildlife Refuge, Bozrah—At the request of DEP in December, 1986, the Connecticut Chapter acquired a 40-acre wildlife preserve in the town of Bozrah. The property contains primarily upland hardwood forest

and adjoins the Bear Hill Wildlife Management Area as well as a sizeable tract of farmland on which the State owns the development rights.

A temporary \$100,000 loan from the Chapter's land preservation fund was used to finance the acquisition. Since this acquisition was at the request of DEP and was not an acquisition priority for the Conservancy, no Chapter funds were invested permanently in the project.

The State share of funding for these purchases came from the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program, created by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1986 to preserve properties of ecological and recreational significance. To date, over 13 properties have been acquired by DEP, adding over 850 acres to DEP lands. Governor O'Neill has recommended spending \$75 million on this program over the next five years and the Connecticut General Assembly recently approved \$15 million in funding for the coming year.

"The protection of these properties in cooperation with the State is a landmark for the Connecticut Chapter," commented Les Corey, Executive Director. "In the wake of Connecticut's rapidly escalating real estate values, building and sustaining strong partnerships between public and private land preservation efforts is vital to countering the wave of growth and development across our landscape."

Corey continued, "When the Conservancy and DEP can work together on acquisitions of mutual interest, Conservancy donors get a great return on their investment. For every dollar contributed by a Conservancy member, the State will match it with four dollars." Land trusts and municipalities alike are encouraged to bring their highest priority land saving projects to DEP's attention.

The Conservancy looks forward to continuing to work with DEP in an all out effort to identify and save Connecticut's threatened species and ecosystems. Time is of the essence.

—Inc



Carolie Evans congratulates Louis O. Gagliardi, Chairman of the New Britain Water Department, for registering a part of the water company watershed with The Nature Conservancy. The New Britain Water Department agrees to: (1) protect the property to the best of its ability, (2) notify the Conservancy of any threats to the area such as pollution, rights of way, drainage, etc., and (3) notify the Conservancy of any intent to sell or transfer ownership of the property.

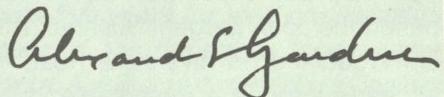
SELDEN CREEK

To all of you who helped make Selden Creek a new Nature Conservancy preserve, *thank you* from Connecticut Chapter trustees and staff. The acquisition is paid for. It was a big job, and those who helped deserve the gratitude of all Connecticut and New England residents.

Selden Creek is the first acquisition we have made under the Connecticut River Protection Program. So the generosity of Connecticut people has launched this unique, four-state regional land-preservation project, which was also conceived here in our Chapter.

Our example has reached all the way to California where the *Los Angeles Times*, editorializing about The Connecticut River Program under the heading "Good Group, Good Idea," said: "River systems are systems of rich natural life and continuity . . . The truly unique areas, particularly those with imperiled species, must be identified and preserved now while there is still a chance".

Amen! Once again, good friends, you have responded to this imperative. Selden Creek is an accomplishment you deserve to enjoy and celebrate.



—Alexander S. Gardner, Chairman
Connecticut River Protection Program

CONNECTICUT RIVER PROTECTION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Conservancy's Connecticut River Protection Program, an ambitious five-year undertaking to protect 100 sites along the Connecticut River, is producing exciting



results. Recent protection victories along the river corridor include a Northern White Cedar swamp, a freshwater tidal marsh with a large stand of wild rice, a spectacular mountainside old-growth forest with steep cliffs, and an important Scrub Oak/Pitch Pine mountain forest.

The Connecticut Chapter recently received a magnificent donation of 25 acres of land at Whalebone Cove in Lyme. The new preserve, a high-priority site of the Connecticut River Protection Program, is the gift of Mrs. Philip Schwartz of Hadlyme. "My husband and I had been thinking about this," says Mrs. Schwartz. "It's the right thing to do. This is a place of such magnitude and beauty that it should be protected forever. It's like a play that goes on and on with ever-changing scenes. The life here is teeming," she says.

In Vermont, an important piece of land on Black Mountain in Dummerston has been protected. The site is con-

sidered to be the best remaining Scrub Oak/Pitch Pine community in the state.

A 200-acre site on Stacy Mountain in Massachusetts will preserve an area of spectacular forests and cliffs and several rare animals and plants. Seventeen acres have been protected through acquisition.

Among the first tangible results of the Connecticut River Protection Program were important sites at Selden Creek and Norton Pool. A purchase of 101 acres at Selden Creek (one of the most biologically significant, undisturbed freshwater marshes in the river's estuary), and donation of 440 acres at Norton Pool (the sole remaining lowland old-growth forest in New Hampshire), are significant accomplishments.

Our early protection victories along the river are an important barometer of the Connecticut River Protection Program's potential for success. Please stay tuned—there's much more to look forward to.

—dlr



Gale Zucker/The New York Times

Mrs. Philip Schwartz recently donated 25 acres in Lyme; a most generous gift to the Conservancy's Connecticut River Protection Program.

CONNECTICUT RIVER SLIDE SHOW

If your organization would be interested in seeing our new Connecticut River Protection Program slide show, please contact Dave Reynolds or Bill Reed at the Chapter Office in Middletown (344-0716). This show is an important part of our efforts to build broad public support for land conservation along the Connecticut River. Initial showings have been enthusiastically received.

Conservancy speakers are available on a limited basis within the Greater Hartford area and river towns, to present the show at community groups, garden clubs, conservation organizations, retirement communities, and other organizations. The show traverses the entire river from its source at the Canadian border to Long Island Sound, highlighting the Conservancy's program to preserve rare or endangered animals, birds, plants and the whole ecosystem.

—dlr/hwr

POQUETANUCK COVE PRESERVE DEDICATED

A glorious day for nature! Thanks to Desire Parker's steadfast determination to resist developer's multimillion-dollar offers, Poquetanuck Cove in Ledyard became the Connecticut Chapter's newest preserve during a special ceremony held June 20th on the 240-plus-acre property. More than 70 people, including Environmental Protection Commissioner Leslie Carothers, and noted Connecticut College botanist, Dr. William A. Niering, participated in a champagne toast to Miss Parker in celebration of her magnificent gift.

Robert Patterson/The Day



Desire Parker

"Dedicating this preserve today fulfills a life long dream of Desire's. If it weren't for her true grit," said Connecticut Chapter Executive Director Les Corey, "a different group might be gathered here today for the groundbreaking of Poquetanuck Cove Estates." He added, "Desire's gift is really a gift to the future, one that will keep on giving forever—deep in her heart she knows that nature really owns the land."

Parker, who smiled shyly during the accolades, received an honorary life membership in the Conservancy, a collection of taped bird songs, and her first sip ever of champagne. She said her gift fulfilled a promise she made 35 years ago, "The farmer who sold me the property, Calvin Main, said there were two conditions: that I would never cut down the old oak tree in front, and that I would never develop the land". Throughout her life she has endured many hardships to keep the property intact.

Miss Parker, who worked as an electrical designer at Electric Boat, bought the property for \$12,500 in 1953 with borrowed money from family and friends because no bank would loan money to a single woman.

The day's activities concluded with a guided hike along the preserve's new foot-trail, and warm conversations with Miss Parker, whom many described as a "folk hero". Thank you, Desire Parker!

—dlr

POQUETANUCK COVE CANOE TRIP

Join Les Corey and Conservancy staff on Saturday, October 8, for a leisurely canoe tour of Poquetanuck Cove. Explore the Connecticut Chapter's newest preserve in Ledyard.

We will assemble promptly at 8:30 a.m. at the commuter parking lot near the intersection of Route 2A and Route 12 in Preston next to the Norwich State Hospital. We will caravan from there to the canoe launching site. For more information and a map, contact Wendi Hyatt, Connecticut Chapter office at 344-0716. The trip will be canceled if weather is too inclement.

—Inc

JEAN SARGENT BUSHNELL TRAIL

On May 21, Greenwich Land Trust dedicated and opened the Jean Sargent Bushnell Trail at the John Sargent Woodland on Riversville Road in Greenwich. The trail leads through a remarkable variety of natural features on the 13.9 acre preserve made up of the John Sargent Woodland and the Gildersleeve tract.

Representatives of town government, Greenwich Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, Greenwich Audubon Society, and family members attended the ceremony. Both the John Sargent Woodland and the Gildersleeve tract were first given to The Nature Conservancy, which turned them over to the Greenwich Land Trust for management.

A gift from the Sargent family in honor of Jean Sargent Bushnell last fall has made it possible to re-route the trail to unspoiled parts of the John Sargent Woodland and into the Gildersleeve tract to the north. As you walk over the trail and explore the preserve's natural beauty remember the Sargent family, and especially Jean, for what they have given us and left to all future generations.



Gretchen Taige

Three generations of Jean Sargent Bushnell's family helped dedicate a trail in her honor at John Sargent Woodland.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS FROM HARTFORD AND WASHINGTON

Now that the dust has settled in the halls of the Capitol, it is time for an update on what happened to various funding proposals for open space land acquisition and on what impact the Land Conservation Coalition of Connecticut has made.

Although just over six months old, the Coalition, chaired by Chapter Executive Director Les Corey, has become a force to be reckoned with. In November the Coalition launched Connecticut's most ambitious legislative campaign ever to provide adequate and predictable sources of funding for local and state-wide land conservation efforts. The 300 individuals and 80 local and state-wide organizations, including 30 local land trusts, that comprise the Coalition have contributed \$43,600 toward its \$50,000 budget, enabling it to hire a lobbyist coordinator and a network coordinator for the legislative session.

The Coalition has already won a major victory by helping to secure increased state bonding authorization for the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program. **Governor O'Neill's budget proposal for spending \$100 million over the next five years for land conservation is a major milestone in the history of land conservation in Connecticut.** A well-timed meeting of Coalition members with the Governor's staff and the high priority placed on open space land acquisition by Environmental Protection Commissioner Leslie Carothers both played important roles in securing funding for this program, especially on a multi-year basis.

Of this \$20 million annual commitment over the next five years, \$15 million will be earmarked each year for the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program for state parks, forests and preserves and \$5 million will be designated each year for the Municipal Grants-in-aid Program.

The Land Bank legislation proposed by the Coalition is more controversial and fared less well in the legislature. The proposal, Senate Bill 513, would allow towns the option of preserving open space and providing land for affordable housing through a one half of one percent real estate conveyance tax that would be deposited into a local land bank fund.

Coalition members worked hard and effectively to build a broad base of support for this measure among both the general public and state legislators. The Environment Committee's March 21st hearing on this bill drew over 75 supporters from conservationists to businessmen and some realtors. It also brought intense opposition from homebuilders and most realtors.

The original land bank bill was passed by the Environment Committee but was not voted on by the Finance Committee. Senator Michael Meotti, the primary sponsor of the proposal, later revived it as an amendment to another bill. After a spirited and lengthy debate, Senator Meotti's amendment failed by a vote of 16-18 and an alternative land bank proposal was passed by a vote of

18-17. The bill as amended was then dealt a lethal blow by being referred to the Planning and Development Committee which refused to take action on it because it no longer ensured an affordable housing component.

Despite defeat of the land bank enabling legislation, members of the Coalition should be proud of their accomplishments. **Coalition efforts have established land conservation, along with taxes and housing, as one of the top three issues of the 1988 legislative session**—not a small accomplishment for a state that has long lagged far behind many other New England states in spending for land preservation!

The Coalition also testified in support of additional federal matching funds for state and local land conservation at a special Congressional hearing held in Hartford by Congressman Sam Gejdenson on April 11th. Speaking for the Coalition, Les Corey urged the Congressional subcommittee to support the creation of a national open space trust fund as recommended in 1987 by the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors and as proposed by Congressman Morris Udall in the "American Heritage Trust Act of 1988" (H.R. 4127).

Under this bill the American Heritage Trust Fund would be a dedicated, national fund. It would be created with the now unappropriated \$6 billion balance in the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The income from the Fund would be used to finance federal, state and local open space projects. Initially the trust would be financed, as the LWCF has been, with approximately \$900 million a year in revenues from the Outer Continental Shelf federal oil and gas leases. When the fund becomes large enough to yield \$1 billion per year in interest, it would become self-sustaining and the Outer Continental Shelf revenues could then be used for other purposes.

In past years the people of Connecticut have relied almost exclusively on matching LWCF grants to meet state and local land conservation needs. A total of more than \$61.5 million has been distributed in Connecticut since 1964 in over 500 projects, with much of that money being matched by state and local contributions. Natural resources of regional significance have been protected including the McKinney National Wildlife Refuge in Long Island Sound, Hammonasset State Park and Connecticut River flood plains. However, although authorized to earmark \$900 million annually, in recent years actual federal appropriations have been only about \$200 million. Consequently, grants to Connecticut have been cut back from over \$6 million in 1979 to only \$280,000 this year.

Enactment of the American Heritage Trust Act of 1988 is of great importance to Connecticut and the nation. It would provide a permanent land conservation legacy for all future generations. The Coalition and the Chapter are urging our entire state congressional delegation to co-sponsor this landmark national legislation.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER 28TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, September 17, 1988
Weston, Connecticut

An address on "The Conservancy's Global Conservation Mission", an update on the Connecticut Chapter's progress during the past year, lunch, and field trips to Devil's Den Preserve in Weston and Weir-Leary-White Preserve in Wilton all highlight the Connecticut Chapter's 28th annual membership meeting. We hope you will join us along with Conservancy President Frank Boren—**rain or shine**—for what promises to be a most delightful and inspirational day. We will also briefly outline our challenging agenda for the future.

In the afternoon after a delicious luncheon, enjoy the scenic beauty of Devil's Den or Weir-Leary-White Preserves. The day will be a chance to meet new friends and renew acquaintances as members of The Nature Conservancy.

Please mark September 17th on your calendar. Dress is casual. Registration form is required.

GUEST SPEAKER: GEOFFREY BARNARD

Topic: *The Conservancy's Global Conservation Mission:
The Protection of Biological Diversity in the
Americas*



rector for the Conservancy.

Barnard will speak on the Conservancy's commitment to neotropical conservation, including the program's work supporting and training conservation professionals from Latin American countries, preparation and interpretation of biological inventories in Colombia, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Peru, Paraguay, Netherland Antilles, and Puerto Rico, as well as ongoing training and support programs in Mexico, Venezuela, and Ecuador.

His address traces how the Conservancy's record of action, results, and institutional optimism are making the Latin American Program successful, and are leading the Conservancy's programs to the global arena.

RESERVATION FORM

Number attending (\$25.00 per person) _____

Check for \$ _____ is enclosed
payable to: The Nature Conservancy.

Name of each attendee: _____

(Please print, and list all attendees individually; this information is needed for name tags)

Address: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

FIELD TRIPS

I/We would like to join one of the following field trips:

Please indicate number in party in space provided

DEVIL'S DEN: Godfrey Pond (1 mile, 1 hour) **Easy**
 Deer Knoll (2.5 miles, 1.5 hours) **Medium**
 Great Ledge (3.5 miles, 2 hours) **Long**

WEIR-LEARY-WHITE:

Overview Ramble (1.5 hours) **Medium**
 Botanical/Flora (1 hour) **Medium**
 Archeology (1.5 hours) **Medium**

I do not wish to go on a field trip

Please mail reservation form to: The Nature Conservancy
Connecticut Chapter
55 High Street
Middletown, CT 06457

RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 2

Acknowledgement of reservation will be mailed upon receipt.

Bus transportation to/from field trips will be provided. Private autos must remain at Weston High School due to limited parking space at the preserves.

PROGRAM:

Weston High School:

9:30 a.m.—Coffee and Doughnuts
10:00 a.m.—Annual Business Meeting (including an update on the Chapter's Land Preservation efforts)
Noon—Lunch*

Devil's Den and Weir-Leary-White Nature Preserves:

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.—Field trips to Devil's Den and Weir-Leary-White Nature Preserves

*Gourmet Luncheon Catered by *Country Cuisine* of Weston

DIRECTIONS TO WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

From the Merritt Parkway, take Exit 42 and go north on Route 57 for approximately 3 miles. Look for signs to High School entrance on right. Follow road to High School parking lot.

NOMINATIONS TO THE CHAPTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the September 17, 1988, Annual Meeting, Chapter members will be asked to vote for members of the Board of Trustees.

Nominated as Members of the Board

For election or re-election by the general membership:
Randolph K. Byers, Jr., Wilton: Chairman of the Weir-Leary-White Preserve in Wilton. He is Executive Vice President for Nexus, Inc., a Stamford based manufacturer of aircraft electrical connectors.

Dr. Joan Poster, Westport: Ph.D., Mt. Sinai; V.M.D., University of Pennsylvania; owns and operates Poster Veterinary Hospital and is actively involved in the Westport Nature Center.

Stanton W. Simm, Jr., Stonington: Member of the board of the Connecticut Association of Conservation of Inland Wetlands Commission; serves on the Stonington Conservation Commission, and is in the insurance and investment business.

Mrs. S. Bruce (Edith) Smart, Fairfield (re-election).
Ogden Tanner, New Canaan (re-election).

Nominated as Officers

For re-election by the Board of Trustees:
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1988 SCIENCE AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our knowledge about the flora, fauna and natural communities of Connecticut continues to expand. Early in May, a state-rare plant was discovered on a Conservancy preserve in the northwest corner. In mid-June, a second rarity was found on our land in the central part of the state. By Memorial Day, three Piping Plover chicks hatched at Griswold Point and more were expected. Other specific projects are depicted below.

With the publication of *A Connecticut Sampler*, we expect increased visitation to our most popular preserves and a corresponding need to maintain trails and postings. Continuing development adjacent to our lands makes it crucial to post our estimated 300 miles of Conservancy boundaries. Much of the work has been accomplished with the help of dedicated volunteers throughout the state, summer wardens and two full-time staff.

We have been actively trying to maintain natural habitats on Conservancy lands with experimental removal of invading exotic plant species. We have also been providing management to Registry sites and have been successful in preventing negative development on some ecological sites throughout the state. In addition, Conservancy waters have been used in the salmon restoration project to provide an ideal growing area for young fish.

—bpl

Geoff Hammerson



Science and Stewardship Director, Beth Lapin, searched for mussels in Whalebone Creek using a special viewer with a clear plastic bottom. These invertebrates have not been well-studied in the Connecticut River. Farther upstream several rare mussels were known to occur.

Beth Lapin

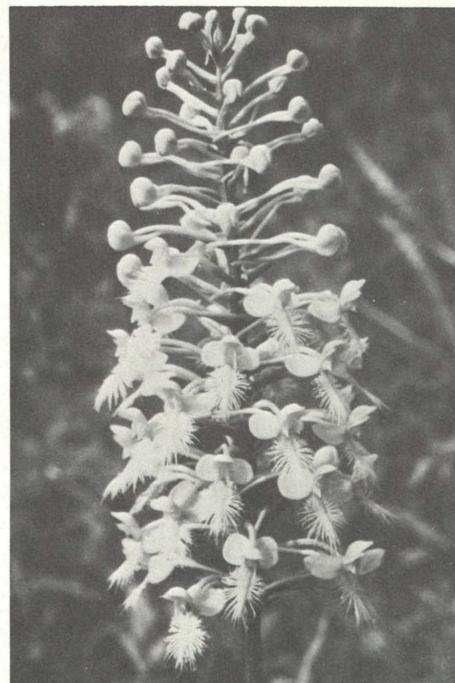


Melinda Enochs-Baucom (above), a wildlife ecology student at the University of Connecticut, is the Griswold Point warden. Summer warden, Amy Redfield (not pictured), returns to Pattagansatt Marshes.

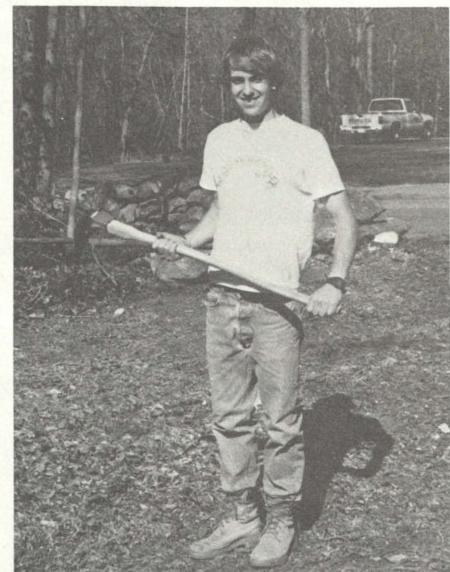
Les Mehrhoff



Spreading Globe Flower, *Trollius laxus* (above), is the subject of a new census by volunteer botanist Martha Cushman. Yellow Fringed Orchid, *Habenaria ciliaris* (right), is the focus of Karen Sexton's continuing census—she hopes to confirm Connecticut's population as the largest in New England.



Andy Zepp



Alex Landau (above), an intern during his senior year at Salisbury School, constructed a loop trail and small parking lot at Poquetanuck Cove Preserve in Ledyard.



Beth Lapin

A number of Conservancy volunteers attended a day-long workshop on Land Measurement and Boundary Marking. The session, conducted by Yale instructor, Lee Alexander (above, left), included classroom and field experience, culminating with marking boundaries at a nearby preserve.



Beth Lapin

Rich Backer (above, left), returns to the Conservancy this summer as a Boundary Researcher. He is posting a number of our lands across the state. Last year, Rich was a warden at Milford Point, now owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Volunteers erected a wire fence at Griswold Point again this year in order to minimize disturbance to nesting birds. Rachel Aptekar (above, right), the Conservancy's new Stewardship Assistant, put the final touches onto the fence. Rachel joins the Connecticut staff after working with the New York City Parks Department.



Beth Lapin

Seining at Whalebone Creek, a recent Conservancy project, by Geoff Hammerson yielded an interesting representation of the fish fauna of the creek. Conservancy land protects the important freshwater tidal marshes and the state-rare plant, Golden Club, *Orontium aquaticum*.

GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP IN OCTOBER

Connecticut has a unique natural diversity not only of flora and fauna, but of rocks and minerals as well. Join The Nature Conservancy and Dr. Jelle DeBoer, Wesleyan geologist, on a tour to explore our geological heritage.

The event will begin with a Friday evening lecture held in Middletown on October 14, 1988, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. to acquaint participants with the geologic history and topography of Connecticut. The following day, Saturday, October 15, we will leave at 8:30 a.m. for an all day field trip to visit important geological sites. Transportation will be provided.

Wear sturdy shoes with rough rubber soles (no sneakers) and comfortable clothing appropriate for fall weather. We will be walking, often on rocks and slippery surfaces, and climbing in and out of vans. Pack a lunch.

A fee of \$8.00 is being charged to cover costs. (Make check payable to The Nature Conservancy Geology Trip.) As the group is **limited to 25 people**, send in your registration soon to reserve a spot. ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 3, 1988. Detailed information will be mailed to registered participants before the trip.

—pd/bpl

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES ACCEPTS CONSERVANCY SITES

Three archaeological sites on Nature Conservancy preserves have been accepted for The National Register of Historic Places. The sites are Cooper Arch and Hamburg Cove in Lords Cove, Lyme, and Natcon in Lieutenant River Marsh, part of the Great Island Marshes in Old Lyme. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation, and is administered by the National Park Service. It is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect historic and archaeological resources. Properties listed in the National Register include districts, sites, buildings and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture.

All three of The Nature Conservancy sites are prehistoric. Archaeologists found a number of artifacts at each site, including stone tools, ceramics, hearths, and a variety of plant and animal remains.

The Natcon Site and Cooper Arch were used as seasonal settlements during periods between AD 1 and AD 750. Hamburg Arch was a "semi-sedentary" village between AD 700 and AD 800. These sites are considered significant because they provide information on how prehistoric groups used developing tidal marshes and how occupation patterns changed around AD 700 from seasonal to year-round settlements.

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PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS IDENTIFIED AT APRIL SEMINAR

Over 60 Connecticut Chapter supporters and trustees gathered at the Hartford Atheneum on April 27th to hear a seminar on the Conservancy's Planned Giving Program, enjoy a relaxing luncheon, and tour the Atheneum's beautiful Connecticut River exhibits.

During the seminar, Channing Page, Conservancy Planned Giving Officer, discussed the many tax advantages available to Conservancy supporters through the making of lifetime or estate gifts.

Estate planning opportunities were discussed as well as the recommended legal language to use for making estate gifts to the Conservancy.

By personally tailoring gift ideas to a donor's financial situation, the Conservancy often can enable donors to make gifts of greater significance than might otherwise have been possible and to better achieve personal financial goals in the process.

Many thanks to our members for their interest and support in making the program a success and to the staff of the Atheneum for their warm hospitality.

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INCREASE YOUR ANNUAL INCOME THROUGH A GIFT TO TNC

Are you holding stocks that have appreciated significantly in value? Many of these securities may now be yielding 5% or less in spendable income.

You could greatly increase your income, completely avoid capital gains tax, and receive an income tax deduction by donating highly appreciated/low yielding securities to the Conservancy's Long Term Income Fund. The fund works as follows:

1. Securities are irrevocably transferred to the Fund. Minimum contribution \$5,000.
2. The Fund reinvests your gift for a high yield. Neither you nor the Fund pays capital gains tax. You are relieved of further investment management.
3. You or your named recipient(s) receive an annual income, paid quarterly for the rest of your lives based on the full fair market value of the gift.
4. You receive an income tax deduction the year the gift is made.
5. After your lifetime and/or the lifetimes of other named recipients, your share of the principal is withdrawn from the Fund and is used by the Conservancy to protect important natural areas.

As an expression of our appreciation, all contributors to the Long Term Income Fund are named honorary life members of The Nature Conservancy.

Other types of life income arrangements can be established with gifts of real estate. (Minimum value, \$60,000)

For further information, please contact Les Corey, Executive Director, CT Chapter, 55 High Street, Middletown, CT 06457 (344-0716). Your inquiry will be handled in full confidence.

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LAND TRUST CONVOCATION

Gene Billings, Chairman of the Land Trust Service Bureau Advisory Committee, has announced that the 1988 Land Trust Convocation will be held on October 29, 1988 at the University of Hartford. Gene noted that "Land trust board members really look forward to this annual event. It is an opportunity to learn, be stimulated and socialize with others involved in land conservation."

Brochures will be mailed in September. A fee will be charged to cover expenses and luncheon. Reservations will be required. Conservancy members and anyone interested in land preservation are invited to participate. For information call Carolie Evans or Lesley Olsen at 344-0716.

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THE NATURE CONSERVANCY NAMED TOP PUBLIC INTEREST GROUP

"Washington Monthly", famous for its Capitol Hill-oriented best and worst lists, selected The Nature Conservancy as one of the country's five best public interest groups. Citing its efficiency and effective partnerships with government and the corporate sector, the March issue of the magazine highlighted the Conservancy's past work with the Prudential Insurance Company. The Nature Conservancy helped Prudential outline tax advantages for a \$50 million gift of forest and wetlands in North Carolina, one of the largest such gifts in conservation history.



Joni Kravitz

Connecticut Chapter Staff—Front Row (l to r): Mary Nelligan, Laurie Rardin, Rachael Aptekar, Lesley Olsen. Row 2: Carolie Evans, Polly Richter, Dot Millen, Xandy Wilson, Les Corey. Row 3: Dave Reynolds, Dot McCluskey, Beth Lapin, Pat Kendzior, Cathy Ney. Dot McCluskey is Government Relations Specialist. Mary Nelligan and Laurie Rardin join our staff as Summer Interns. Xandy Wilson will work as Office Manager during Polly Richter's maternity leave. Mark McEathron, Registry Director, is absent from photo. (See page 7 for list of all other titles.)